dustrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) during the financial year 1991-92 to Kerala would be available only after the close of the financial year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Financial Assistance for Construction of Sitamarhi-Mithamore Road in Bihar

5292. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sitamarhi-Mithamore road in Bihar was damaged at Kumman, Pipradhi, Nauahi, Sursand Harri and Mithamore and the bridges thereon were collapsed due to devastating floods in 1987;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance from the Central Road Fund for construction of the aforesaid road; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As Ministry is constitutionally responsible for maintenance of National Highways only, it is not aware whether this State Road Sitamarhi-Mithamore was damaged at Kumman, Pipradhi, Nauahi, Sursand Harri and Mithamore, and the bridges thereon had collapsed due to floods in 1987.

(b) and (c). A proposal from Government of Bihar for widening and strengthening of Sitamarhi-Sursand-Mithamore Road (30Km) costing Rs. 300.00 lakhs has been received as a Central Road Fund Scheme. As actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund has not yet taken place, it has not been possible to process the proposal for approval.

[*English*]

Offer from an Industrial Group to Ease Balance of Payments Position

5293. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any industrial group has offered to help to ease the tight balance of payments position;

(b) if so, the amount of credit offered and the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Projects from Kerala Pending Clearance

5294. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes proposed by the Government of Kerala pending for clearance; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in each case so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b).

References about various road and bridge schemes from Kerala pending with the Government are mentioned below alongwith their position:

(i) 5 schemes for conversion of State Roads into National Highways and 7 schemes to be taken up under the Economic and Inter-State Importance Programme. These proposals can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

(ii) 81 schemes proposed to be financed against the augmented Central Road Fund. These can be processed only after actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund, which has not yet taken place.

(iii) 11 estimates for works on National Highways. These can be taken up only after Demand for Grants has been passed by the Parliament.

2. In addition to above, Kerala has forwarded a project report for modernisation of 250 jetties at an estimated cost of Rs. 730.00 lakhs. Since the 8th Plan is not yet finalised, the State Government has been advised to frame proposal for priority jetties within an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakhs to be taken up as Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Import of Drugs

5295. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have announced some changes in EXIM policy recently;

(b) if so, what is the status of Pharmaceutical industry;

(c) the names of drugs that can be imported with free foreign exchange and those which are required to be imported through REP licences; and

(d) the total import bill of drugs during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government have announced some changes in the EXIM policy *vide* the new Trade Policy announced by the Commerce Minister on the 4th July, 1991. Under the new policy, the units other than those in small scale sector and the units engaged in the manufacture of life saving drugs and equipments are required to follow the REP route for meeting their requirements of raw material, components and consumables. The units in the SSI sector as well as those engaged in the manufacture of life saving drugs and equipment, to be defined by the Administrative Ministry, continue to be eligible for the Special Licences, earlier called the Supplementary Licences.

(d) As per the latest data available from DGCI&S, the import bill of drugs was to the tune of Rs. 14963.29 lakhs, Rs. 208.69 lakhs and Rs. 315.83 lakhs during the years 1986-87, 87-88 and 88-89 respectively.

[*Translation*]

Realisation of IncomeTax From Salaried Class

5296. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount realised as income tax from the salaried class of income tax payers during 1989-90; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on realisa-